

REMARKS

Applicant elects Group 1, claims 1-20. Claim 1 has been amended to further define that at least one of the inner and outer sleeves includes a groove. An information disclosure statement is enclosed with this response.

Respectfully Submitted,

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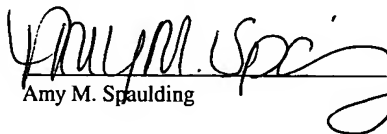


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